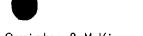<u>The Claims:</u>

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for facilitating application reuse in web-based applications, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) <u>providing</u> ~~creating an~~ <u>a distributed</u> application having parent and child components<u>, the parent component being served by a first server and the child component being served by a second server;</u>

(b) ~~using a linked application form in the parent to~~ specify<u>ing</u> a link to ~~either an arbitrary URL or a~~ <u>the</u> child ~~application~~ <u>component on the second server using a linked application form in the parent component;</u>

<u>(c) supplying the child component with a context identifying the parent component and the first server; and</u>

~~(c) using an exit form in each child application to define~~ <u>(d) defining, using an exit form and the generated context, a</u> flow~~s~~ that returns from ~~a~~ <u>the</u> child <u>component</u> and continue<u>s</u> in the parent <u>component.</u>

2. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 1, <u>wherein supplying comprises supplying the child component with a context identifying the first server, the parent component, and an exit point, and wherein defining comprises defining, using the exit form and the context, a flow that returns from the child component and continues at the exit point in the parent component.</u> ~~each set form includes a unique identifier whereby each exit point is uniquely identified to the parent.~~

3. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein specifying comprises specifying a link to the child component on the second server using a linked application form, providing the linked application with an uniform resource locator corresponding to the child component.

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4. (new) A method for enabling interaction between a parent component and child component of a distributed application, comprising:

serving the child component with a first server so that the child component can be navigated to an exit form;

serving the parent component with a second server so that the parent application can be navigated to a linked application form that supplies a link to the child application;

upon receiving a request related to the linked application form, generating a context identifying the second server, the parent application, and an exit point of the parent component; and

directing, to the child application, a request made through the linked application form, providing the context with the request.

5. (new) The method of Claim 4, wherein serving the parent component comprises serving the parent component with a second server so that the parent application can be navigated to a linked application form that supplies a link to the child application in the form of a uniform resource locator.

6. (new) The method of Claim 4, further comprising directing, to the exit point of the parent component, a request made through the exit form.

7. (new) A distributed application, comprising:

a child application being served by a first server and capable of being navigated to an exit form;

a parent application being served by a second server and capable of being navigated to a linked application form; and

a run time processor operable to:

process the parent application in response to a user request;

generate a context containing data identifying the parent application and the second server;

pass the context to the child application;

direct a request made through the linked application form to the

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child application and passing the context, the context enabling the child application to return a user, navigating the child application's exit form, to the parent application on the second server.

8. (new) The distributed application of Claim 7, wherein the linked application form of the parent application includes a uniform resource locator corresponding to the child component.

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